

OCTAGON HOUSE, COLUMBUS

527 First Avenue, Columbus

This unique house, consisting of two separate frame octagons, each a single story high, joined by a covered passageway, is likely the only fully realized double octagon house in the country.

Octagonal houses exemplify a short-lived fad that followed the 1848 publication of Orson Squire Fowler's *A Home for All; Or, The Gravel Wall and Octagon Mode of Building*. In his book, Fowler touted the octagonal form as providing more space than traditional square or rectangular buildings. It is not open to the public.